

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Fielder, on March 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Pat Christian, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 491, 3/27/2017

**HEARING ON HB 491**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:07 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 491, Create designation of public lands day.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:27 John Iverson, Montana Wilderness Association  
00:09:46 Tucker Finley, Montana Public Interest Research Group  
00:10:34 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited  
00:11:21 Ryan Weiss, public access specialist, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:49 Sen. Hinebauch  
00:13:12 Rep. Court  
00:13:21 Sen. Hinebauch  
00:13:28 Rep. Court  
00:13:42 Sen. Hinkle  
00:14:17 Rep. Court  
00:14:39 Sen. Hinkle  
00:15:15 Rep. Court  
00:15:33 Sen. Hinkle  
00:15:51 Rep. Court  
00:16:18 Sen. Hinkle  
00:16:25 Rep. Court  
00:16:37 Sen. Hinkle  
00:17:23 Rep. Court  
00:17:44 Chair Fielder  
00:17:54 Sen. Hinkle  
00:18:23 Chair Fielder  
00:18:28 Sen. Hinkle  
00:18:35 Rep. Court  
00:18:40 Sen. Hinkle  
00:19:33 Rep. Court  
00:19:44 Sen. Vincent  
00:20:15 Rep. Court  
00:21:20 Sen. Vincent  
00:21:49 Rep. Court  
00:22:38 Sen. Smith  
00:23:49 Rep. Court  
00:24:09 Sen. Phillips  
00:24:57 Rep. Court

00:25:16	Sen. Phillips
00:25:43	Chair Fielder
00:26:12	Rep. Court
00:26:28	Chair Fielder
00:26:33	Rep. Court
00:27:25	Chair Fielder
00:27:32	Rep. Court
00:27:39	Chair Fielder
00:27:43	Rep. Court
00:27:58	Chair Fielder
00:28:10	Rep. Court
00:28:36	Chair Fielder
00:28:42	Rep. Court
00:29:07	Chair Fielder
00:29:25	Rep. Court
00:29:50	Chair Fielder
00:29:55	Rep. Court
00:30:03	Chair Fielder
00:30:05	Rep. Court
00:30:07	Chair Fielder
00:30:18	Sen. Smith
00:30:52	Rep. Court

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:12	Rep. Court
00:35:22	Chair Fielder

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:40 PM

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Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis66aad.pdf](#))